

the supply and preached from the Methodist pulpit.

The regular pastor of the First Brethren church is Rev. R. E. Darling. He has been in charge for some years. Mr. Bole, the workingman preacher, takes charge in any temporary absence of the regular clergyman. Mr. Bole came to Pittsburg about 13 years ago to accept a position in the Black Diamond steel works. He associated himself with the Baptist Sunday school of Lawrenceville and for a year or so held the office of superintendent. Later he opened a Sunday school of his own faith in Lawrenceville. The Sunday school led to services for adults. Finally, about nine years ago, a number of adults joined with Mr. Bole to organize a new church. The organization was chartered and Bible services were conducted in a hall. Mr. Bole continued his efforts in the interim of mill work, and was finally ordained, as stated. he preached for the little congregation on Sundays until the charge grew strong enough to support a regular minister. The property in Garfield was purchased next, and the temporary structure erected on the rear. Next the new building will claim attention. Mr. Bole is at the head of the building committee and is aiding the pastor and trustees to bring about the desired end.

The First Brethren church had the privilege of entertaining the State convention of Brethren churches last spring. A hall was hired in Bloomfield and the sessions were conducted several days. The church has a thriving Sunday school. The social to be held tonight is for the Sunday school scholars. These socials are frequently held to bring the young people in touch with the adults of the church. The Ladies' Aid Society has been a valuable adjunct in church extension work and there is a society of Christian Endeavor. Next Tuesday evening the church will hold a reception for Mrs. Annie King, one of the charter members who is leaving the city to make her home in the East.

#### Philadelphia, Pa.

We have been holding some meetings at our mission in Allentown. We preached there nearly four weeks, over four Sundays. Two Sundays out of the four, I was at home and our Brethren Cassel and Roberts filled the pulpit in Allentown. When I was in Allentown they preached at home. We could not at all get along with our missions without them. There seems to be a prosperous future for Allentown, tho it will take hard and persistent work as it is a strong Pedo baptist city.

Eight have confessed Christ during the meetings. Five have been baptized. We hope the others will get ready soon. We organized the First Brethren church of Allentown last Sunday afternoon. Sister Alice Harley and Brother Yoder were elected to the office of deacon. They have about 35 members. I did not get the exact number. Sister Alice Harley has been asked to preach every two weeks on Sunday mornings after Sunday school. Brother Roberts preaches

for them every four weeks morning and evening. Brother Cassel also preaches for them every four weeks alternately and I preach every two weeks on Thursday and Friday nights. On the alternate Sunday night, the Sunday that Sister Harley preaches, the K. C. society which they have decided to organize will take the hour of preaching. They will have a great amount of preaching as well as a great variety of preachers. Prof. J. M. Bowman was with us for two weeks and organized a splendid singing class. It is wonderful what progress they made in singing. It was a great help to our meeting as they spent an hour in song each evening before church service. It not only increased the attendance of our meeting but the interest as well. Professor agreed to furnish his new book free to the pupils of the school as we had other books we could have used, but it took so well that nearly all bought a copy. It is entitled the "High Way to Heaven" and will be used there in the church along with the other books. It is a pity that such a musician gives most of his time and talents in the southern field of song amongst the Baptists, Lutherans, Presbyterians, Methodists, when it is so badly needed in our own church. But as he spent a small fortune in a musical education and as it is his only means of a living he must go where they will sustain him. He told me that the first six months after his book was out there were over 10,000 copies sold and yet there is not one member in ten knows that we have such a musician in the church. I often wished that our church would waken up to the benefit of music and then if we could get such men as Bowman, Hall and Ewing to consecrate themselves to arousing spiritual song in the Brethren church what a wonderful revival of souls and song there would be. Prof. Bowman also has a good class here in Philadelphia. This is the fifth session he has taught here and it has proven very beneficial to our church. Allentown also has a very good Sunday school. It is as large as our Philadelphia school. Sister Alice Harley is the superintendent and we expect to hear of great things from this school in the future. This church is financially weak, but they are rich in grace and the Lord will give the increase.

ISAAC D. BOWMAN.

#### Southwest, Kans.

We have just returned home from our second Sundays meeting at Seward, Kans. Was sorry to find ill health prevailing in some of the homes. On the way to the above appointment, we had the pleasure of making a halt and enjoying a love feast service with the little band of brethren near Pretty Prairie, Kans., which is a part of our faithful brother, J. W. Beer's field of labor, who was also present and on duty. We were impressed with the number of young people that were present, and by interrogating them learned that they all with but few exceptions, belonged to that very large class of young people, (that are not Christians but ought to be.) May all the means of grace according to

the will of God be used to lead them to a saving knowledge of His word. The work at our home points is moving along slowly. Though the preacher goes to another field for a Lord's day service, at home the people come together and the meeting goes on just the same. And that is just as it should be. The wheat very often winter kills out here, but there are a few faithful hands and hearts in this part that will face the blizzard to keep Zion's light trimmed and burning. Dear brother and sister let us strive in our work and in our walk to exercise the enduring faith that sees Him which is invisible, that in weakness we may have strength and in darkness we may see victory.

L. G. WOOD.

#### Roaring Springs, Pa.

While we have nothing special or startling or sensational to write, yet the churches under my pastorate are moving along nicely. We have now the charge of the Altoona, McKee and Fredericksburg churches. Our communion services were held at McKee Oct. 15, at which service we had the assistance of Brother Hilderbrand, who preached for ten successive evenings; meetings were well attended, several confessions, and the labors of Brother Stephen much appreciated. Tho he has crossed his three score and ten milestone, he still preaches with the vigor of a man of 30. Sunday schools in my respective churches are prosperous, doing good work, and like the Brethren literature. In the Altoona church, we contemplate, obtaining the services of Brother Koontz in a protracted effort, soon as can be arranged. Upon the whole, the spirit in the churches is alive, congregations good, and interest excellent.

W. L. SPANOGLE.

#### Roaring Springs, Pa.

#### Winchester, Ohio

We are glad to inform you that we received two more precious souls into our number by baptism, husband wife. May they be faithful and may God bless them is our wish and prayer.

On Oct. 11 the Winchester brethren held their semiannual business meeting. There was a large attendance, all the business was satisfactorily disposed of, general good feeling prevailed. The church decided that we should remain with them another year and we have consented to stay. And so now we have entered upon our fourth year's work, and we trust our relations for the ensuing year may be as pleasant as in the past.

The brethren and sisters have demonstrated their good will to us in a very substantial way very unexpectedly to us, they came in upon us and so bountifully supplied our temporal wants. It was a complete surprise and it was all the more appreciated and all we can say, many thanks to the kind donors for their good will to us and may God bless you all,

MR. and MRS. JOSIAH KEIM.

Let thy face, like Moses', shine to others, but make no looking-glass for thyself.—*Jeremy Taylor.*